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Re.

New Continuation Patent Application in U.S.

Applicant(s): Moshe FINAROV et al.

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MONITORING A CHEMICAL MECHANICAL...

Atty's Docket: FINAROV=1A

Sir:

Attached herewith is the above-identified application for Letters Patent including:

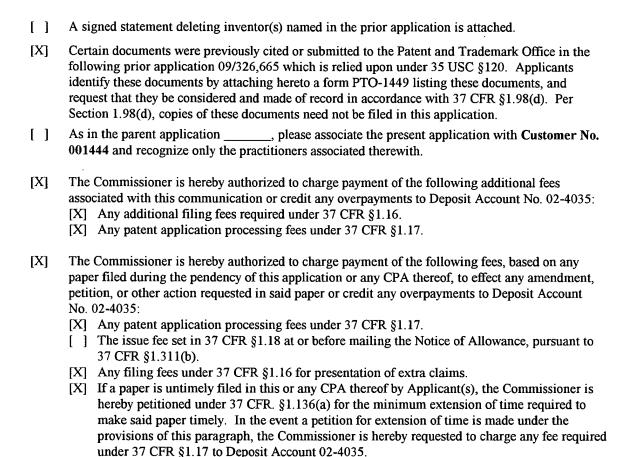
- [X] Specification (21 pages), claims (5 pages) and abstract (1 page)
- [X] 9 Sheets Drawings (Figures1-10)
  - [X] FORMAL [ ] Informal
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 page(s))
  - [ ] Newly executed [X] Copy from prior application no. 09/326,665
- [X] Preliminary Amendment
  - [ ] Computer-readable Sequence Listing
- [X] Supplemental Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement with SB/08A and references
- [X] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
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	[X]	The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of:  Application No. 128920 in Israel on March 10, 1999. A certified copy of said priority document  [ ] is attached [ ] was filed in progenitor case on  Application No in on A certified copy of said priority document [] is attached [ ] was filed in progenitor case on		
215	[]	The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/, filed		
	[X]	The present application is a Continuation of prior Application No. 09/326,665, filed June 7, 1999. Although this application is stated to be a Continuation, applicant does not concede that any matter is presented in this application which is not present in the parent.		
	[X]	Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:		
Al		[X]This is a continuation of copending parent application Serial No.09/326,665, filed June 7,		
		[ ]The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Appln. No. 60/, filed		
	[X]	The application is (or will be) assigned to: NOVA MEASURING INSTRUMENTS LTD. whose address is Weizman Scientific Park, P.O. Box 266, Rehovot 76100, Israel.		
	[]	Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.		



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Respectfully submitted,

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